



ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
TUESDAY EVENING, NOV. 1, 1892.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.

The Inspector General of the Army to-day submitted to the War Department an additional report of the operations of his department. It dwells upon the activity of the army in the past year and the services rendered by it to the country. At one time, the report asserts, the country seemed to be upon the verge of war, which served to show, according to the report, "the eagerness with which all Americans were ready to resent indignities inflicted upon them upon whom we have imposed the duty of protecting the flag." When war seemed inevitable, it continues, the response of the people to a call not yet made, but anticipated, for men, was something thoroughly gratifying. These "hundreds of thousands of men" came spontaneously from all sections of the country, Texans being perhaps the first to offer their services "in rallying around the old flag in defence of the national dignity. In South and North alike the spirit of patriotism was equally enthusiastic." These episodes show, the report states, that we can never know how soon we may be called upon to fight, and demonstrate most incisively how necessary it is always to be prepared to meet such emergencies. A larger appropriation is urged for the maintenance of the national guard and a more equitable method of distributing it is recommended. It has been suggested, the report continues, that an army officer be detailed as military secretary on the staff of each Governor of a State, who, when discreetly chosen, would make a new and needed tie between the different branches of the service, which would be a benefit to both the regulars and the State troops, especially in the case of war.

A copyright of the Confederate monument at Alexandria was issued by the Congressional Librarian last week, but it is said at the library that as the monument had been copied before the copyright was issued, the copy right will hardly hold in law, and that issuing it was like locking the stable door after the horse had been stolen.

A Boston democrat now here says if the coming election be close, or if there be any trouble about the electoral vote, the republicans will certainly get it, as they have all the money that can be required for that purpose; and that the only way by which the democrats can secure it is by polling such a big vote that a contest would be absurd.

While the Department of State has not yet received the resignation of John D. Washburn, as United States Minister to Switzerland, it is expected that his resignation will be soon be forthcoming. It has been supposed to be the reason for his resignation.

George S. Batcheller to-day called at the Department of State and tendered his resignation of the office of United States Minister to Portugal, which was accepted.

A private letter received to-day from a Virginian, now engaged in civil engineering in North Dakota, says that people here need not be surprised if they shall read next Wednesday that that State has gone for low tariff and against the Force bill.

A well-informed and prominent Virginian democrat, here to-day, says that Mr. Gordon has proved himself to be a wise and astute politician by his management of the democratic campaign in his State, and also that he is a democratic mascot, for that luck has been on his side from the first, and that never before have the republicans there been so divided and so ill provided for a contest. He says the democratic majority there will be large, and that for his part in securing it, the democrats of the State will make Mr. Gordon their next Governor. He also says that ex-Governor Lee is slated for the next U. S. Senator from Virginia.

A Norfolk republican now in private life, in the city, says he understands that Corriggan, the negro republican candidate for Congress in that district, will be compelled to withdraw by the administration, and the coast be therefore clear for Dezenford, who has been endorsed by the national republican committee; that therefore Dezenford will probably get the republican vote of the district, and stands a good chance of being elected. On the contrary, ex-Congressman Bowden, from the same city, who was the nominee of the republican convention of the district, but withdrew for harmony, says the republicans of the district are all at odds, and that Tyler, the democratic candidate, will surely be elected.

Mr. J. S. B. Thompson, of the Richmond and Danville Railroad, was here yesterday on railroad business. He says that from what he reads and hears he is induced to believe that Virginia will give a large democratic majority next Tuesday, and that Mr. Gordon's management of the campaign is commended throughout the State.

Numerous Virginians, democrats and republicans, intelligent and ignorant, prominent and obscure, are here to-day, and each, like everybody else, is talking politics. Boiled down, what they all say amounts to the following: The democratic majority in the State may be from thirty up to sixty thousand, and a solid democratic congressional delegation. The republicans, by their quarrels and fights, have disgusted themselves and their party, and have travestied the campaign into a roaring and grotesque farce, in which none of the players appear to advantage.

Collector Brady, who has been here a day or two, left for his home in Petersburg, Va., this morning. He appeared to be in his usual good humor, and can well afford to be, as the administration has declined to accept his recommendations about the conduct of the campaign in his State, and he is therefore relieved of all responsibility for a reelection, here to-day, who rode for a time in the seat with General Field on a railroad train last week, says the General seemed to be in bad health as well as in low spirits, and spoke by no means cheerfully of his own prospects or those of his party.

Attorney General Miller left here this afternoon to take part in the political campaign in Indiana. He will not return until after the election.

Judge Semple, of Alabama, who has just returned from his State, says the newspaper talk about the probability of its going against Cleveland next week is absurd. He says the people of Alabama are like those of all the other Southern States, have the same associations and the same feelings, and that all the money that can be raised in the money could send down there wouldn't induce them to disassociate themselves from those whose lot in weal and woe they have so long shared.

The following changes in the 4th class postoffices of Virginia were made to-day: Turtle Rock, Floyd county, G. D. Wood appointed postmaster vice P. F. Huff, resigned; Hixburg, Appomattox county, P. Gilliam vice W. H. Ligon, resigned.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

Complaint is made of the pollution of the waters of the upper Potomac.

At Petersburg, yesterday, Alvin Dexter, aged sixty years, a carpenter at work on the Young Men's Christian Association new hall, fell from a rafter on the second floor to the first floor, receiving injuries which resulted in his death.

At Lexington, yesterday, the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., played the football team of Washington and Lee. The score was 24 to 18 in favor of the Sewanee. The game was spirited. The right end of the visitors was disqualified for slugging.

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## POLITICAL.

At the mass meeting at Cooper Union, New York, held under the auspices of the Reform Club, last night, Senator Carlisle, of Kentucky, arraigned the republican party for its tariff legislation and extravagance.

Mr. Cleveland will make his last formal address in New York this evening under the auspices of the Business Men's Democratic Association. He will also review the great parade that is being organized by the same body on next Saturday afternoon. Senator Gorman will be the chief speaker at the "Tammam demonstration on Thursday night."

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ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

Throwing a Babe from a Burning Building.

New York, Nov. 1.—The tenement, No. 351 east Fifty-first street, was discovered to be on fire at an early hour this morning. The alarm was given by a babe which lay in its crib gasping and choking from the effect of thin clouds of smoke that were eddying about the room. Among the tenants was Joseph Leonard, who occupied the fourth floor with his wife and three children, the youngest a babe about a year old. By the time they were all awake escape by the lower hall-way seemed out of the question and it looked, to Leonard, as if he could not possibly save all his family by the fire escape. In this dilemma a novel idea saved him. Quickly wrapping his baby in a mattress he carried it to the window and shouting to the helmeted blue coats below asked: "Can you catch my baby?" "Let her drop," sang out a fireman in reply, "We'll catch her." Three or four firemen sprang forward and Leonard tossed his little one to them. Mrs. Leonard shrieked and almost swooned as she saw the bundle crash through the outstretched arms, knocking over two of the men and landing heavily on the pavement. But the firemen had the mattress unwrapped in a jiffy, and there, safe and sound, lay the little one, who sat up and laughed as if toboggan sliding on thin air was the jolliest fun imaginable. Firemen gently picked up the child and held it aloft to show the parents it was uninjured, and in a few moments ladders were run up to the window and the rest of the family safely rescued, not however, without some difficulty.

**Foreign News.**  
VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 1.—The China Mail says: "Chi Yui has been appointed Chinese Minister to the United States. He now holds the post of chief supervisor of instruction. The ravages of cholera at Chang King are appalling. The deaths there are estimated at from 30,000 to 40,000."

PARIS, Nov. 1.—A dispatch from Porto Novo says that Col. Dods captured Canna on Saturday and Abomey on Sunday. This ends one of the most brilliant campaigns that a European power has ever waged against the natives of Africa.

HAMBURG, Nov. 1.—Sunday was the first day since the outbreak of the cholera that neither fresh cases nor deaths were reported. Nearly all the cases reported last week afterward proved not to have been cholera, and the official declaration of the end of the epidemic may soon be expected.

**Big Fire in Chicago.**  
CHICAGO, Nov. 1.—Between three and four o'clock this morning flames were seen to issue from the windows of the new Chicago Athletic Club building and soon communicated to the Continental Hotel, the St. Bernard House, the Chicago Fire Cyclopedia and the Western Bank Note building. Before a fire company could get on the ground the whole interior of the club house was a seething furnace. The guests in the two hotels became frenzied by the sight of the flames, but every one got out safely. In less than forty minutes nothing was left of the club house but the bare walls. A great mass of blazing debris was showered on the Cyclopedia and Bank Note Company's building but both structures were saved.

**Drowned.**  
CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 1.—Chief Walker Fearn, of the foreign affairs department, has just been informed of the tragic end of W. E. Giles and family, who perished off the coast of Loma Loma, in the western Pacific Islands on Sept. 12. Mr. Giles, a special agent for the exposition, was sent to Polynesia by Leigh Lynch to bring home certain exhibits for the World's Fair.

With a crew of three sailors Mr. Giles and his family started from Loma Loma in a small boat to reach the steamer Mori, home bound, at Mango. A sharp squall came up while they were pulling for the steamer and the boat went down with its crew and passengers.

**Explosion on a Tug.**  
New York, Nov. 1.—This morning a steam pipe exploded on the tug Col. E. B., lying at the foot of Summit street, Brooklyn. Michael Waters and Edward Gilson, deck hands, and William Butt were fatally scalded. The men were asleep in their berths at the moment of the explosion, the cause of which is not known. The tug was filled with steam in an instant and all the men inhaled large quantities of the vapor, while a flood of boiling water at the same time filled the cabin and blistered and burned their flesh. The agonizing screams of the burned and blinded men were